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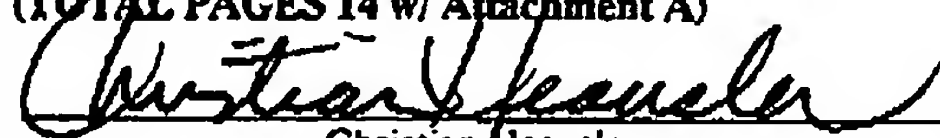
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 20, 2004

Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, having a shortened statutory period  
for response set to expire on July 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry and  
consideration of the following amendments and remarks.